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AMENDMENTS

To the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-16 (Canceled)

Claim 17 (Currently amended): A method of securing tools removed from a lockable tool cabinet ~~and placed on a rolling cart without removing the tools from the cart~~, comprising the steps of:

- placing tools from the tool cabinet onto a rolling cart,
- providing ~~suspending on an outside of the cabinet~~ an open-bottom locker ~~with~~ having a side-access doorway, ~~cleasable by a lockable door,~~ and side walls,
- suspending the open-bottom locker onto the tool cabinet,
- opening the door,
- moving the rolling the cart with the tools thereon into the open-bottom locker through the doorway, such that the side walls of the locker enclose at least the tools on the rolling cart, and
- closing and locking the door.

Claim 18 (Currently amended): The method of claim 17, and further comprising the steps of opening the door and removing the cart with the tools thereon so that work can be resumed with the tools undisturbed.

Claim 19 (Currently amended): The method of claim 17, and further comprising the step of providing rollers on the tool cabinet and moving the cabinet when the cart is in the locker so that the cart follows the cabinet.

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Claim 20 (Currently amended): The method of claim 17, and further comprising the steps of providing a retractable shelf in the locker and a storing device on the shelf and retracting the shelf with the device thereon when the door is open.

Claims 21-22 (Cancelled)

Claim 23 (Currently amended): The method of claim 17, wherein the step of providing a retractable shelf step includes the step of attaching the locker to a support.

Claim 24 (Previously presented): The method of claim 23, wherein the support is the cabinet.

Claim 25 (Cancelled)

Claim 26 (Currently amended): A method of securing tools removed from a lockable tool cabinet ~~and placed on a rolling cart without removing the tools from the cart~~ comprising the steps of:

placing tools on a rolling cart,

providing on an outside of the tool cabinet an open-bottom locker ~~with~~ having side walls, and a side-access doorway ~~easable by~~ and a lockable door, wherein each side wall has at least one reinforcing structural support,

guarding the structural supports by providing structure coupled thereto and projecting laterally-inwardly therefrom,

attaching the locker to the cabinet by means of a hook-shaped flange and fasteners extending through openings in a wall of the cabinet,

~~opening the door,~~

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rolling the cart with the tools thereon into the locker through the doorway, such that the side walls of the locker enclose at least the tools placed on the rolling cart, and

closing and locking the door.

Claim 27 (Currently amended): A method of providing a tool at a job site, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a tool cabinet for securing a tool, and a locker suspended from and connected with the tool cabinet, the locker having an interior space defined by side walls, an open bottom to facilitate movement of a ~~[[a]]~~ non-connected object into and out of the interior space, and an opening providing access to the interior space;

associating a tool with the non-connected object; and

moving the non-connected object into and out of the interior space such that the side walls of the locker enclose the object.

Claim 28 (Currently amended): A method as defined in claim 27 wherein the object is a cart, the method further comprising the steps of:

placing a tool on the cart;

moving the cart and the tool about the job site; and

placing the cart and the tool in the interior space.

Claim 29 (Previously presented): A method as defined in claim 27 wherein the locker includes a door having a lock and movable to a closed position covering the opening, the method further comprising the steps of:

locking the lock when the door is in its closed position; and

unlocking the lock when the door is in its closed position.

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Claim 30 (Currently amended): A method of securing tools removed from a lockable cabinet and placed on a rolling cart without removing the tools from the cart, comprising the steps of:

placing at least one tool from the cabinet onto a rolling cart;

providing on an outside of the cabinet an open-bottom locker with a side-access doorway, elocable by a lockable door, and side walls defining an interior space,

attaching the locker to the cabinet by suspending the locker from the cabinet on a support by means of a hook-shaped flange and securing the locker to the cabinet by extending fasteners through openings in a wall of the locker,

opening the door,

rolling the cart with the tools thereon into the locker through the open doorway, such that the side walls of the locker enclose at least the tools placed on the rolling cart, and

closing and locking the door.